MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government are aware that the Conservator of Forests has actually trespassed into the forest and constructed an anicut ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government would enquire into the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : If there is a complaint, Government will enquire.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there was not a complaint and correspondence about that at the time of the former Dewan Mr. V. S. Subramonia Aiyar ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that file is still in the Huzur Office undisposed of ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether, in the face of the correspondence that is in existence, they would look into that correspondence and do the needful in the matter ?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Sir, I rise to a point of order. The Honourable Member has stated that he wants notice. Now the non-official member is asking on the assumption that there is a file and he knows its contents.

PRESIDENT : I suppose Mr. S. J. Nair's point was that Government should try to find out the file if there is such a one.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter through the Revenue Commissioner ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know the extent of land purchased by the Conservator from one Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know from the member whether the property statement required under the Government rules has been submitted by the Conservator to Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Rural reconstruction.

204. ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the steps so far taken by them for the promotion of rural reconstruction in Travancore ; and

(*b*) the agency that is primarily responsible for the development of this branch of activities ?

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MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) The Itinerant Weaving Parties of the Industries Department have trained up several batches of students of the rural areas in weaving. Deserving students of each batch have been given loom and accessories free of cost so as to enable them to carry on weaving industry in their houses.

A batch of 6 students on a stipend of Rs. 5 each per mensem is being trained every year in handicrafts such as Durrie and Carpet weaving, Rattans and Basket making, and Embroidery and Lacquer works.

Grants are being given to private industrial schools to encourage the development of industries in the rural areas. 61 schools have been given such grants.

Loans are being granted to industrial concerns engaged in soap-making, weaving, coir weaving, rice hulling, etc. 127 industrial concerns have been granted loans.

Annual grants are being given to the Y. M. C. A., Marthandam, which is having a demonstration centre.

(*b*) The Department of Industries and private institutions aided by Government.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): May I know whether any other department is attending to the rural reconstruction?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Different Departments are attending to that such as the Health, Co-operative P. W., etc.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): With regard to the statement that loans are being granted to industrial concerns, may I know the amount of loan so distributed in 1109?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): About Rs. 6,600. I do not know the exact amount now.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know from the member whether this amount of Rs. 6,600 has been included in the Administration Report for 1109?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): I think so.

Rural reconstruction.

205. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any steps so far for the promotion of rural reconstruction in the State and;

(*b*) if so, the various kinds of activities they have undertaken for the purpose?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes,

(*b*) The Itinerant Weaving Parties of the Industries Department have trained up several batches of students of the rural areas in weaving. Deserving students of each batch have been given loom and accesories free of cost so as to enable them to carry on weaving industry in their homes.

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